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THE SACKVILLE DEBATE. the occasion was preached. The festivities to-night

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FEREN HOURS OF TALK ABOUT SUAKIM-A BRILLIANT AND TELLING SPEECH BY LORD B CHURCHILL-MR. GLADSTONE TRYING TO GET RID OF HIS OLD COLLEAGUES-

STANLEY AND EMIN-SIR WILL IAM PEARCE-MR. BRIGHT. [BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.]
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Lendon, Dec. 18 .- The Sackville debate in the of Commens, from which something has en expected, came to nothing. Mr. Labouchere, who tries his hand at everything, led off; and here are not many serious members in the House who care to follow Mr. Labouchere's lead. The effort to obtain from the Government a definite answer to the question whether they mean to leave the English Legation at Washington vacant till next March completely broke down. Mr. Labouchere's demand was repelled contemptuously. No such intention has been announced, said Sir James Fergusson; and nothing more could be ot out of him. Members of position on both sides who honestly wish to prevent Lord Salisbury from persevering in his policy of sulks saw it was copeless to induce the House to put pressure on Ministers, and an important diplomatic difficulty has been turned into a joke simply because it has been turned into a joke samply because it has been dealt with in a trivial way. Lord Ran-dolph Churchill, who had intended to speak, left the House.

I hear, however, that private remonstrances have had some weight with Lord Salisbury, who may yield to them. If not, the American Government as a choice between submitting to a diplomatic discourtesy and resenting it in the usual diplomatic way. The press here takes little notice of the matter. "The Times" discusses it ill-temperedly. "The Daily News' sharply rebukes Lord Salisbury for peevishness and obstinacy.

The Suakim business has been once more thrashed out in the House of Commons with the usual proportion of chaff to wheat. Last night's debate was more amusing than instructive. Morley spoke, Mr Gladstone spoke, Stanhope spoke, Lord Randelph Churchill spoke. They were all good speeches, but when all had been delivered nobody was much wiser than before. It was known before that the Ministry meant to clear out the dervishes from the vicinity of Suakim, do not mean to abandon Suakim, and do not mean to enter upon a campaign in the Soudan. Nothing of real importance beyond that results from three hours' talk yesterday.

The personal incidents were more impressive an the political or military declarations. Lord Randolph's speech was the event of the evening. He rose without a single cheer from his own side and sat down without one. All his support came from Liberals. His speech was throughout an attack on the Ministry and Ministers. He told the Ministry their policy was silly and soupid. He told Sir James Fergusson he had met his question about Suakim with an insufficient answer, a flippant answer, a discourteous answer. He chaffed Mr. Stanhope for his announcement that the Government knew their own mind. It is an unusual thing said Lord Randolph, perhaps seriously, for a British Government to know their own mind. He chaffed Lord Salisbury about his unlucky "black man" phrase. He ridiculed and enounced both Lord Salisbury and his colleagues in the Commons for alleging that an opinion expressed by the Prime Minister in the House of Lords against the retention of Suakim in the Egyptian interest was a personal opinion. This telling and brilliant speech was listened to by a full House with extreme interest, and is resented by the Tories with extreme bitterness. They are beginning to understand what they have to expect from the leader they have driven from the Ministry. They heard with delight of his journey to South America, and with chagrin that the was abandoned : for abandoned it is, though not primarily for political reasons. Mr. Chaplin, whose strong point is not discretion, challenged Lord Randolph to move a vote of censure on the Government. "Give me a day!" responded Lord Randolph, instantly. There could hardly be a more open declaration of hostility.

In default of serious topics, Mr. Gladstone has been indulging in a little political gossip. Lord Hartington's retirement from the National Liberal Club and his refusal to retire from the Liberal benches in the House of Commons, are both discussed with that laborious precision characteristic of Mr. Gladstone when he wishes to be playful He has, however, a serious The breach between the two sections of the Liberal party is not even yet wide enough for him, and he is doing his best to make it forever impassable. "The time has come for them to go," says the leader of a once united "The Liberal-Unionists are the most effective foes we have to deal with." Besides, they annoy him. He tells us how, and the passage is pathetic. When he speaks in the House he requires the sustaining power of human sympa-He looks round for it, hoping to see Professor Stuart's face, and sees instead Mr. Finlay's. Professor Stuart is the impulsive Radical who led Mr. Gladstone into the Dopping difficulty. Mr. Finlay is an eminent Unionist lawyer. "I say," added Mr. Gladstone, "there is no political union whatever remaining between the Liberal-Unionists and the bulk of the Liberal

Last night in the House he again complained of Lord Hartington and his friends for sitting on the Liberal benches. "I am speaking," he said, "for those about me;" then he paused, but there are some gentlemen about me for whom I am still less entitled to speak than for those opposite." These may seem slight details. To those familiar with club life, with House of Commons life, and with Mr. Gladstone's usual reserve on such topics, they signify more than half a dozen solemn political harangues.

People were glad to hear last night that the Government attach less credit to Osman Digna's story than at first. Experts, however, are still inclined to believe it true that Emin Pacha is captured, but untrue that Mr. Stanley is with him. Mr. Joseph Thomson, whose authority is high, expresses singularly positive belief that Mr. Stanley was not captured, and an equally positive conviction that he and his whole force were annihilated before reaching Wadelai.

With Sir William Pearce dies a man of genius. He began life as a shipwright, entered the great Clyde firm of John Elder & Company on a salary of \$500, ended as sole partner and owner of the finest shipbuilding business in the world. It is to him, more than to any other man, that the shortening of the Atlantic voyage is due. He designed and built all the fastest Atlantic steamers. The Queen made him a Baronet, one best earned distinctions conferred during the Jubilee year.

Mr. Bright's condition is practically unchanged. G. W. S.

THE CIVIL SERVICE STORES DESTROYED. London, Dec. 18.—The Civil Service Stores, at No. 136 Queen Victoria st., this city, were nearly destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is £40,000.

A BICENTENARY CELEBRATION. Londonderry, Dec. 18.—The bicentenary of the tiege of Londonderry by the French forces under James II. of England was celebrated to-day with much enthusiasm. The Mayor and the citizens marched in procession to the cathedral, the Mayoress tured by the French, and a sermon appropriate to

ALL THE IRISH VOTES AGREED TO. THE COST OF IBISH PROSECUTIONS DEBATED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Dec. 19.-In the House of Commons last evening, in the debate on the vote for oriminal prose cutions in Ireland, Mr. Sexton asserted that the money, instead of being employed in the detection of orime, In a long speech he censured the Government policy and declared that if the police refrained from interfering with the people in Ireland nine-tenths of the charges under the Crimes Act would be

H. H. Fowler (Liberal) asked why the costs of osecution in Ireland were double those in England. Mr. Balfour admitted the importance of the question but it must be remembered, he said, that a majority of the prosecutions in England are private, while in Ireland private prosecutions are unknown. A protracted debate on this and the prisons vote mainly supported by the Parnellites, ensued. Finally, at 2:30 this morning, all of the Irish votes were

A FRENCH MAN.OF.WAR GOING TO PANAMA. IT IS RUMORED, TOO, THAT AN AMERICAN VES SEL WILL BE SENT.

Paris, Dec. 18.-Owing to fears that the Panama Canal Company's difficulties may give rise to disorder on the Isthmus, the French Government has decided to send a man-of-war to Colon to protect French in-

It is expected that the United States will se

Washington, Dec. 18 .- It is said at the Navy De partment this afternoon that a Naval vessel will probably be sent to Colon to protect American in-terests in Panama, but that steps have not yet been taken in that direction. It is customary to station vessel in that neighborhood during the winter season. Nothing is known of any troubles on the Isthmus.

AN ANCIENT MILITARY BODY BROKEN UP CAUSES WHICH LED TO THE DISBANDING OF

THE HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY. London, Dec. 18.-The Honorable Artillery Com pany, the oldest military body in the world, and a tion of whose members visited America recently, has been disbanded.

the manner in which the finances of the organization were managed, and also with the lack of discipline which existed in its ranks. He had urged the bers to abandon their charter privileges and become tion was opposed by a majority of the officers, and Portland and others sent in their resignations, and forwarded a complaint of the condition of the com-pany to the Queen. Her Majesty withdrew the com-pany's warrant, and the effect of her action is to dis-solve the company as a military body.

Lendon, Dec. 18.—A Parliamentary election was held in the Colohester Division to-day to fill the seat the Conservative candidate, received 2,123 votes, and Mr. Gurdon, Gladatonian, 1.689. In the last elec-tion the Conservative candidate received 1,996 and the

FUNERAL OF PRINCE EUGENE. Turin, Dec. 18.—The funeral of Prince Eugene of Savoie-Carignan took place to-day. The Duke of Aosta attended the ceremony on behalf of King Humbert. The Cabinet Ministers and many distinguished persons were also present. The body was laid in the temb of the royal family.

ELECTIONS FOR THE SERVIAN PARLIAMENT. Belgrade, Dec. 18.-The elections in Servia for members of the Skuptschina have resulted in the return of 450 Radicals 150 Liberals and two Progressists.

HEAVY FOGS IN LONDON. London, Dec. 18 .- A heavy fog is general in all parts of England. The thick weather caused a delay of two hours in the Queen's departure from Windsor to Osborne this morning. All shipping movements on the Thames have been stopped by the fog.

SIXTY-FOUR EVICTION NOTICES ON ONE ESTATE. Dublin, Dec. 18.—Eviction notices have been served on sixty-four tenants on the Marquis of Lansdowne's Luggacurran estate.

A TICKET AGENT MISSING.

HE LEAVES HIS ACCOUNTS IN BAD SHAPE.

FALCATION NOT YET KNOWN.

EMPLOYED BY THE NEW-YORK AND NEW HAVEN RAILROAD-THE AMOUNT OF DE-

Another trusted employe has gone wrong, and while the accountants of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad are engaged in examining into the accounts of Ticket Agent Harris, detectives will be employed in seeking for the absconder. Harris had been in the employ of the New-Haven road for a number of years. He was first employed as a door man at the Grand Central Station and his faithfulness and attention to duty resulted in his being promoted about six years ago to be ticket agent.

John H. Starin, who had taken an interest in the young man, became his bondsman in the sum of 85,000. During these years Harris continued to lead an apparently honest life, and no suspicion was ever entertained that he was not what he seemed, a perfectly trustworthy and efficient empkye. He was married and is the father of three young children. On Monday he did not report for duty, and as the day passed and nothing was heard of him his superiors became alarmed. Yesterday he again falled to make his appearance at the Grand Central Station, and inquiry developed the fact that Harris was not at home. that his accounts were not straight. His books will

be thoroughly examined.

As yet the amount of his defalcation is not known. and no estimate could be gotten last night. The agent in charge of the New-Haven Railroad Company's office last night refused to discuss the matter and declined to yond the fact that he had absconded. I is wife, the agent said, was heart-broken over her husband's escapade and it would be cruel to disturb her.

The policeman stationed in the waiting-room said that everybody was surprised when the ticket agent's dishonesty was made known. He had seen him and his wife in the office together often, especially when Harris was making up his monthly report, for at those times she assisted him. They seemed to be a happy couple and the policeman scouted the idea that he had cloped with another woman, as some rumors

THE WORK OF MISCREANTS FOILED.

A SECOND ATTEMPT TO WRECK A TRAIN IN MIS SOURI IS UNSUCCESSFUL

St. Louis, Dec. 18 .- A dispatch from Springfield, Mo., to "The Post-Dispatch" says: "A second attempt to wreck the Texas express train on the St Louis and San Francisco Railroad was made at 4 o'clock this morning at Lyman Station, four miles east of this city. The switch-bolts were removed, the rails spread to throw the train over an embank dition. Fortunately for the two hundred people of plunged through the switch at a forty-mile speed The engine was demolished and the rails torn up for a quarter of a mile. The fireman, with a broke ankle, dragged himself back for more than a mil and flagged the train, saving it from destruction."

THE CONTEST IN THE RICHMOND DISTRICT. Richmond, Va., Dec. 18 (Special).—Judge Edmund Waddill, who claims to have been elected to Cougress from this district over George D. Wise, will serve notice of contest on Wise to-morrow in Washing-ton. In addition to the claim of general obstruction to the casting of votes by Republicans in one ward of this city, by which Waddill was deprived of 60.) legal votes, it has just been discovered that Wise's small majority of less than 300 was caused by a system of false registration which gave the Demo crais twenty illegal votes in one precinct in this city.

A CITY ELECTION IN MERIDEN, CONN. Meriden, Conn., Dec. 18 .- At the annual city election to-day Wallace A. Miles (Dem.) was chosen Mayor by a plurality of 251 over D. S. Williams (Rep.) The Republicans elected nine of sixteen Councilmen voted for. A majority of Democrats in the Council hold over, making that body Democratic. FIRE OPENED UPON THE REBEL STRONG.

A TRUCE GRANTED THAT THE CITIZENS MIGHT LEAVE THE TOWN-THE GALENA SHOULD

REACH HAYTI TO-DAY. Legitime has attacked the stronghold of the in ergents, but whether Cape Haytien is in ruins today cannot be learned until news comes by cable by way of Kingston, Jamaica, or until a vessel arrives m Hayti bringing later news than was brought by the Clyde steamer Saginaw, which arrived at a number of passengers from Santo Domingo, Monte Christi and other ports where she touched, among whom were Dr. August, a full-blooded Haytian, and J. R. Hernandez, from Santo Domingo. Mr. Hernandes is a Spaniard and could not give much information about the Haytian troubles in addition to what has already been reported in The Tribune. He gave the reporter of The Tribune the following facts:

On December 4, the day before the Saginaw arrived at Cape Haytien, the Haytian war vessels Dessalines, Toussaint Louverture and two small gunboats were in the harbor and opened bombardment upon the town, which is the stronghold of General Hyppolite and his army of insurgents. They fired about fifty shots at the town, which did little damage. Then the foreign Consuls and the business men of the town raised a flag of truce and sent a petition to the commander of the Dessalines, begging him to tinue the bombardment for thirty-six hours at a place of safety. An armistice was granted for the time asked for, but with the assurance that if the town was not surrendered to Legitime's forces at the and continued until the town was laid in ashes. The gunboats and other vessels withdrew, but whether they returned or not at the end of the thirty-six is unknown as the Saginaw stopped there only a few hours

Santo Domingo, for Cape Haytien. Captain Kelly said that the Haytian Consul there gave him his clearance for Cape Haytien without question, which that the port was under blockade. While at Cape Haytien it was learned that the American steamer Saginaw lay at Quarantine last night, but Mr. Clyde said that she was not detained there by the authorities, but the water was too rough for her to lie safely at the pler at the Congress Stores, South

The report published in The Tribune on Friday that from which place they see to be sent to Port-au-Prince to bring back the Haytien Republic, was con-Mr. Brooks, who alleged that he was the counsel of the Atlas Steamship Company, had said that the mariners sent down were .ngaged by the Atlas Comoffice, which the representatives admitted was " about sengers on the steamer Alene on the last trip; that

to be surrendered to the owners upon the authority of Provisional Executive Legitime. This arrangement, it is said, was well known by this Government before the American Navy vessels Galena and Yantic were sent to Hayti; and the flaytien Republic was to have sailed out of the harbor of Port-au Prince yesterday, although the Galena and Yantic could not possibly reach there until to-day.

The work of caulking the decks of the Richmond and filling her bunkers with 300 tons of coal, and otherwise preparing her for a voyage, which work was interrupted by the storm on Monday, was resumed yesterday. She will probably be ready to receive her powder by to-morrow, but will get it from the magazine on Ellis Island, in the upper Bay, and will not take it on board at the Navy Yard, as did the Galena and the Yantic. No orders have yet been received for the vessel to put to sea, and the Impression yesterday was that she would not be sent to Hayti after all.

Willimantic, Conn., Dec. 18 (Special).—The trial of Henry F. Royce, ex-treasurer of the Willimantic Savings Institute, which suspended last March, and who defalcations, has been going on in the Superior Court of Windbam County for the past week. Royce admits the fafse entries, but says that they were made solely to deceive the Bank Commissioners in order to con M. E. Ingersoll, of New-York, regarded as worthless by the Commissioners and directors, but claimed to be good by Royce. He denies that the bank or any one had been defrauded, or that he has defaulted at He says he feels himself in a measure responsible for the large amount of Ingersoll paper in the bank, and has therefore withdrawn byerdue Ingersoll notes from the bank at times and substitute fictitious entries to deceive the Commissioners while he was trying to get the Ingersolls to pay the over-due notes. The State claims that not only did Royce let the Ingersolls have large amounts on worthless security, but he has abstracted bank moneys for his own benefit.

LITIGATION OVER JOHN C. CALHOUN'S HOME. Charleston, S. C., Dec. 18 (Special) .- Some months ago Thomas G. Clemson, a son-in-law of John C. Cathoun, died, leaving his personal property, amounting to about \$100,000, together with Fort Hill, the homestead of Calhoun, to the State for an agricultural college. Clemson's relatives did not suspect that he had any personal property at all, and were much surprised at the will. His granddaughter, Miss Isabella Lee, daughter of Gideon Lee, a New-York tock broker, was the heir to the property. father at once began suit to have Clemson's will annulled and the property given to her. The first action was taken to-day in the United States District Court, where the counsel for Miss Lee asked for an injunction restraining the executor from conveying the the injunction and now the case will go to trial on its merits. The bequest is before the Legislature and after a hot debate was accepted by the House, but it is thought the Senate will have the whole matter postponed pending Miss Lee's litigation.

A WATERMELON TRUST ORGANIZED Columbia, S. C., Dec. 18 (special).—A meeting of melon-growers of the State was held at Blackville yesterday for the purpose of organizing a water-melon alliance or trust. Planters of over 6,000 acres were present. The melon-growing region extends from Branchville to Augusta. Ga., along the line of the South Carolina Ratiroad and is embraced in Earnwell and Aiken Counties. Last year the shipments well and Alken Counties. Last year the supments thence were 2,000,000 melons. Colonel M. Brown was elected president, and P. B. Hagood secretary and treasurer. An executive committee of seven was also elected. The trust will meet on December 26, when rules will be adopted and when, it is expected, arrangements will be made looking to the of the acreage and the fixing of prices. The ton will probably establish agencies in Ne Ph ladelphia, Baitimore, Boston and Chicago.

NAMING HIS ALLEGED ATTEMPTED BRIBERS. Philadelphia, Dec. 18 (Special).-The special comcharges of bribery in connection with the passage of and Northeastern Railroad bills met in Select Council hamber to-day. Select Councilman Graham read a statement charging Robert B. Ester, the father of the present vice-president of the proposed road, and stock to support the bill now before Councils. "In support of what I have said," he added, "I request you to subpoens John Bardsley, John Noblit and Dell Noblit, who know about the transaction." gother with several members of Councils who are sup-gother with several members of Councils who are sup-posed to have been approached. It is now stated that criminal charges of bribery will be preferred against those accused by Mr. Graham Mr. Nobit refused to talk about the matter to-day, and Mr. Esler is absent from the city.

HALL NOT A RELATIVE OF SENATOR COLOUITY. is considerably annoyed by a press dispatch from rested in that city vesterday on a charge of swindling is his nephew. Senator Colquitt says that Hall is no rel ative of his, but is a Georgia man. It is understood that Hail was appointed a special agent of the Gen-eral Land Office through the good offices of Senator Colquitt and other influential Democrats and that he was recently discharged.

BOMBARDING CAPE HAYTIEN. | T.E STORM WIDESPREAD.

GALES AND FRESHETS NORTH AND SOUTH THE LOWEST BAROMETER IN EIGHTEEN YEARS RECORDED AT BOSTON-BAD WASHOUTS ON THE RAILROADS AND SEVERAL NAR-

ROW ESCAPES-DESTRUCTION IN THE CUMBERLAND VALLEY-BNOW IN NORTHERN

(OT THE GRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE! Peughkeepsie, Dec. 18.—The storm yesterday cre-ted havoe in what is known as the Shovel Cut, across the river, half a mile west of the Poughkeepsi Bridge terminus. The embankments of the cut, twen ty-five feet high, tumbled in, and the tracks for a thousand feet are covered with mud three feet deep. A steam drill was carried 150 feet by the torrent ment. A locomotive is embedded in mud four feet deep, and the western end of the cut is now a pond several feet deep. Is will take a week to repair damages, and the loss cannot be calculated. The most serious part is the detention of the work on the bridge approach.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 18 .- The storm which prevailed here yesterday and ended fo-day was equivalent to two feet of snow. Rain fell steadily yesterday and last night, and after midnight it snowed for several hours. The Hudson has risen rapidly and is overflowing the piers and wharves of the city. A overnowing the piers and wharves of the city. A rise of over seven feet was noted at noon to-day. Locally the storm had many of the characteristics of last year's binzard. The lowest barometer ever recorded by the Signal Officer here was noted to-day—29.08. The river is still rising, though the south wind now blowing and the falling of the mercury will probably check the flood.

Troy, Dec. 18.—The ice which formed last week in the Hadson and Mohavik Utage.

in the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers at this city was weakened last night by rain, and this morning broke up and moved south. At noon to-day the water had risen fifteen feet since last evening, reaching the high water-mark of last spring's freshet. A number of cellars along the river-front are flooded. A boy was carried on a cake of fee from Wateriord a mile down the river. A boat pursued and rescued him.

Amsterdam, N. Y., Dec. 18 .- The water in the Mohawk at this place has risen considerably since last night, and now the houses on the flats in the Fifth Ward are flooded.

Lockport, N. Y., Dec. 18 (Special) .- Snow began falling early this morning and has continued more or less all day. Trains are late and there are no connections from New-York nor mails to-night. Canajoharie, N. Y., Dec. 18 .- A blizzard in the Mohawk Valley to-day caused trains on the Central

Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 18.-All trains in and out of Oswego are delayed by the storm. All the telegraph wires are down north of here. Three or four inches of snow has fallen and it is drifting

turning to snow, prevailed here last night. Two or three inches of snow fell. Telegraph wires to the north and south of this city are damaged, but not in this immediate vicinity.

Saranao Lake, N. Y., Dec. 18 (Special).-The heaviest storm of the season set in last night, Up to this evening snow had fallen to a depth of a foot. The thermometer is ten above zero.

All the trains which arrived at the Grand Central Station during Monday night and yesterday morning were late and reported heavy storms and washouts in the northern part of the State, and on western lines. The Chicago and Cincinnati express, which was due venient and important port of the United States," there to be surrendered to the owners upon the authority of had flooded the tracks, and in places near Palatine Bridge the water was almost on a level with the car platforms. The Washington express from Boston, which comes over the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Road and was due at Forty-second-st. at 2:08 a. m. yesterday, did not arrive until

HEAVY DAMAGE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Scranton, Dec. 18 (Special).-So heavy a rainfall in December has never been known here. It rained for twenty-eight hours, ceasing late last night. ground was frozen hard and the rain ran into the creeks as fast as it fell, and made a flood. To-day the Lackswanna River was higher than it has been

Wilhesbarre, Dec. 18 (Special).-The heavy rainstorm of the past few days has wrought considerable demage in Pittaton and vicinity. A large number of the houses and business places in the lower part of the town had their cellurs fleeded. The new branch of the Lehigh Valley Road between Pittston and Fairview suffered severely. All the bridges were swept away or so much weakened as to be unsafe, and the trace was washed out in several places. It will be many weeks before traffic can be resumed. The Susquehanna River at this point has risen fifteen feet in two days.

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Carlisle, Penn., Dec. 18 .- Reports from the surounding country, as well as in a number of towns in the Cumberland Valley, show that thousands of dollars worth of valuable property was destroyed last night by one of the most disastrous rain and wind storms which has ever visited this section. In the rural districts dwelling houses were unroofed, barns blown down, trees uproofed and fences blown to nieces.

pieces.
In this city awnings were blown in the streets, shutters and chimneys blown down and other damage done. The loss cannot be estimated, but thousands of dollars worth of property have been de-

Mount Carmel, Penn., Dec. 18 .- Last night a furious rainstorm swept over this section of the coal region. The collieries here are idle and in some the water is rising so rapidly that the operators have been compelled to hoist their mules out. Considerable damage was also done in the agricultural districts. The loss will be heavy.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18 (Special).—The brig Onalaska, Capiain Griggs, for this port from Faimouth, Japanian Griggs, fo

maica, with a cargo of logwood, went ashore two gale. The crew were rescued this morning by Captain Sooy, of the Cold Spring Station. The Onalaska was driven to leeward by the gale, and the captain thought he was off Cape Henlopen, when he got into shoal water, and soon after into the breakers. The vessel will probably be a total loss.

There is a serious freshet in the Schuylkill River to-day, and much destruction of property has already

THE GALE RAGES IN CANADA.

A TALL CHIMNEY BLOWS DOWN IN MONTREAL-TRAINS DELAYED.

Montreal, Dec. 18 (Special).-A regular blizzard has visited this city. The train service on all the roads has been greatly delayed, and trains between here and Quebec, a distance of only 180 miles, have been unable to get through for a whole day. trains which left here for Quebec last night had not arrived here up to 6 o'clock to-night, and the passengers are suffering very much from the cold. patch from Quebec says that a storm which has been raging there since Sunday has risen to a blizzard this morning. All communication is cut off between town and country, and no trains are looked for until to-night or to-morrow, if they get through at all. Many tall chimneys in the city have also been blown down by the gale and in one instance there was a narrow escape from great loss of life. The residents in the neighborhood of Rogers, King & Son's foundry, in Craig-st., were startled at 6 o'clock this morning by a noise something like an earthquake, it turned out to be the fall of a large chimney over 100 feet in height. It fell in upon the machine shop, Had it been an hour later most of the hundred workmen engaged in the shop would have been killed. The damage to the building will be great.

Philadelphia, Dec. 18 .- The United States steamer Despatch, which for some time has been anchored in the Delaware near Cramp's ship yard, was blown aground by the high wind this morning, and four tugs were unsuccessful in their efforts to get her off during the day. Another effort will be made to-morrow. It is not thought that any serious damage will result from the grounding of the steamer. HIGH WINDS AND WATER IN NEW-JERSEY.

New-Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 18 (Special).-The reconsiderable damage was done to houses and stores along the shore. Two of the factories were clozed, the rising water putting out the fires.

stopped last night it was succeeded by a high wind that did much damage along the coast. The beach partition belonding to the United States Hotel was blown down. The loss is \$3,000. Signs went salling through the air, and everything that was not securely fastened was blown down.

PERILOUS TRAVELLING IN NEW-ENGLAND. DANGEROUS WASHOUTS AND NARROW ESCAPES FROM DISASTER ON SEVERAL ROADS.

Boston, Dec. 18 (Special).-The heavy rain storm which began early Monday morning did not cease till 2 o'clock this afternoon, when about three inches of rain had fallen. Of this amount two and one-quarter fell within twelve hours. The normal rainfall for December is only 3.54 inches, and already 4.08 inches has fallen. The storm is notable for the low point reached by the barometer at the Signal Service tion in Boston. At the 8 o'clock observation this morning the record was 28.86 and at half past 9 it had fallen to 28.82. This is the lowest recorded in the ighteen years that the station has been maintained iere, with one exception, on January 9, 1886, when he barometer registered 28.73. The rain has caused several bad washouts on differ-

ent railways in New-England. The New-York and New-England suffered most extensively. All of the through trains to New-York on this road have seen greatly delayed since 7 o'clock last evening in consequence of a washout at East Thompsonville, At this point is a dangerous culvert, known he "Coffee Factory" culvert, which is always carefully watched in times of heavy storms. In spite of the precautions taken, however, the train which left New-York at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon met with a slight mishap at this place. The train was in charge of Conductor Crowley, and knowing well the dangerous locality, he was ap-proaching it at a slow rate of speed. The surface of the road-bed at the culvert appeared to be all right, but suddenly the earth gave way, letting the track down several inches, the locomotive ploughing into the mud. Beyond the slight jerking of the train, no unusual commotion was felt and no one was injured. Word was dispatched to Willimantic, and also to Boston, showing the state of affairs, and a large gang of workmen was dispatched to the scene. A special train was made up at Boston and sent to bring in the passengers on the delayed train. At 11:30 last night the "special" left East Thompson-ville and arrived in Boston at about 2 o'clock this Boston at 7 o'clock this morning, was met at the washout by the train which left this city at 7 o'clock last evening, the passengers transferred and brought to Boston, arriving here shortly after 10 o'clock

long, over the Deerfield River, at the east portal of the Hoosac Tunnel, was swept out by ice and water last night, and travel over the road was suspended until about noon to-day. Considerable damage was done to property at North

Adams.
A disaster on the Old Colony Road was narrowly escaped. The 11:05 p. m. train from Boston atruek a bowlder which had slid from the bank at Hunnewell's Cut, near Canton Junction. last night. It tore the steps off from one side of the car. A flagman stopped the next train, which was delayed two hours. The bowlder was so large that it resisted all attempts at removal, and it was not until it had been blown up with dynamite at 2 o'clock this morning that trains could pass. The bowlder had become loosened by frost and rain.

THE CONNECTICUT RIVER BOOMING. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 18 .- At midnight the Connecti water mark, and was steadily rising at the rate of hree inches an hour. Owing to the wide valley, reshets of this magnitude never do serious damage

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 18 (Special).-Details of last night's storm in the adjacent counties, received today, show it to have been the worst known in this section for many years. The wind at times blew perfect hurricane, and large trees were literally torn up by their roots, others being denuded of their Barns and outhouses fell an easy prey to the fury of the storm, while many fences and neys were demolished. The storm appears to have been most severe at Hicksford, Greensville County. on the Petersburg and Weldon Railroad. A number of stores and buildings there were unroofed, and many small houses were blown down or badly damaged. During the storm, which lasted two hours, fire broke out in two or three different parts of the town, and but for the untiring exertions of the citizens there would certainly have been a serious conflagration. The wind blew furiously in this city last night, accompanied by heavy rain, but no serious dama has been reported.

THE STORM CENTRE OFF NEWFOUNDLAND. in a northeasterly direction, and last night was tring off the Newfoundland coast, rendering naviga-tion for incoming transatiantic vessels dangerous. At the Signal Station in the Equitable Building it was said that the barometer, which had risen here and on the New-England coast, was lowest at Sydney, N. S., although the weather there was somewhat warmer. To-day the weather will be much colder, and New-Yorkers may expect cold, piercing, high winds during the day. During yesterday heavy rain was falling throughout the country generally, the heaviest fall being registered in the Mississippi Valley, while snow storms prevailed in the Northern and Northeastern States.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

A YOUNG WOMAN'S PURSE TAKEN FROM HER BY A NEGRO-A PRISONER HELD.

Miss Elizabeth Talbert, daughter of Benjamin ralbert, the Wall-st. broker, has had an uncomfortable encounter with a negro robber. She lives with her parents in the brownstone house No. 132 West One-hundred-and-twenty-second-st. On Monday afternoon nected with the church at Madison-ave. and One hundred-and-twenty-first-st. It was after 4 p. m. when she started to walk home in the rain. An errand called her out of her way to the grocery One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth st. and Lenox-ave. A friend, who had walked with her, left her at the grocery and Miss Talbert started down the avenue

At One-hundred-and-twenty-third-st., she heard a step at her side and her umbrella was pushed down over her head. Her pocket-book was snatched from her hand. The next moment she saw a man running away from her through One-hundred and twenty-thirdst, toward the North River. Miss Talbert ran after him shouting "stop thief." They were the only persons out in the storm in that block, but she made such a close pursuit over the slippery sidewalk that the thief could not run away from her. Suddenly he turned with an cath and called out: "What do you want? If you don't shut your mouth I'll fix

Then, for the first time, Miss Talbert noticed that he was a negro. She was frightened and ran back to the grocery for assistance. Two of the started in pursuit of the negro, but he had disap-peared from the neighborhood. Later, when Miss peared from the neighborhood. Later, when Miss Taibert and her father went to the East One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth st. police station to report the robbers, they found a negro under arrest there. The prisoner was Brewster Clark, junitor of a flat-house in East One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st. He had been arrested on a charge of insulting Hannah Sullivan, a respectable young woman of No. 2,066 Fifth-ave., half an hour after Miss Taibert was robbed. He had resisted arrest and the police had been obliged to club him vigorously before they could take him to the police station. Miss Taibert thought Clark was the negro who had stolen her pocket-book. She said the purse contained \$10 and a gold thimble. Clark denied that he was guilty, but he was held for examination in the Harlem Police Court yesterday.

SOLDIERS GUARDING A DISPUTED GROUND. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18 (Special.—The Lackawanna-Rallroad, which maintains the big coal trestles at the foot of Erie-st., opposite the United States life-saving it is charged, encroached upon a frontage of twenty feet on the Buffalo River owned by the Government. Some time ago it was found that the trestles were growing too small for the road's business, and this fall the construction of new works was begun, part of which, it is said, were intended to extend over the Government land. In spite of warning duly given to the company's officers, Carpenter Andrew T. Jones and 200 men went to work on the new treatles this morning. Before long Lieucenant Douglass, of the Regular Army, with a detachment of men from Companies C and D. United States Infantry, arrived on the scene and ordered all work stopped. The workmen discreetly retired, and the Lieucenant posted a guard about the disputed territory. V. J. J. McWilliams, Western State agent of the Lackawanna, says that his company has not encroached upon Government land, and that the matter is now in the courts. which, it is said, were intended to extend over the

A MURDER TRIAL AT NEW-BRUNSWICK. New-Brunswick, N. J., Dec. 18 (Special).—The trial of Gusti Vasko began to-day. Vasko is charged with murdering Michael Skakan, a companion, after a quarrel in a Perth Amboy saloon.

SEARCHING THE SWAMPS.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

DETERMINED MEN HUNTING FOR THE NE-GRO ASSASSINS AT WAHALAK, MISS.

THE BLACKS BELIEVED TO HAVE FLED THE COUNTRY-NEGRO CABINS BURNED-FUNER-ALS OF THE MURDERED MEN

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 18.—A dispatch to "The Evening Scimitar" from Meridian, Miss., says: "There is no change in the situation at Wahalak. The village was crowded this morning with men from the surrounding country. Parties have been searching the swamps and every other place where the negroes who did the killing on Sunday night are supposed to be secreted, but up to 10 a.m. now one of the blacks had been found. It is supposed Meridian yesterday for the scene of the tragedy have returned and report everything quiet at Wahalak Nothing remains of the cabins occupied by the negre George Maury and his confederates but their sme killed and everything around the premises was burned. The bodies of Henry Maury and Seth Cobb, the two white men who were killed, were brought to the village yesterday and were buried to-day. John Dow, who was severely wounded, is still alive, bus in a critical condition. It is not known what further action will be taken by the determined men on the

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 18.-The following story of who arrived last night on the mail train:

Last Thursday a son of G. F. Nicholson, a promi-nent farmer of Kemper County, was driving along the road, when he met George Maury, a negro desperado, driving in the opposite direction. Young Nicholson's vehicle, by accident, came in collision with that of the negro, who kept in the middle of the road, as if determined to drive the boy out. The negro cursed the youth, when old Mr. Nicholson interfered, The negro thereupon diew a revolver, but instead of firing, closed with Nicholson, and knocked him senseless with the pistol. The negro

then fled. The following day Mr. Nicholson told his friends of the negro's assault, and on Saturday it was determined to organize a posse and arrest the rufflan. Information of this determination of the whites reached men gathered a party of negroes together at church Sunday night, and after haranguing them organized a Maury, or an attack on his house. These whies are known to the people of Wahalak, but their names cannot be learned. It is the settled determination to lynch them when found, and the people argue that when they are hanged it will be the proper time to make their names known.

The negro force raised by the two white men went to Maury's house, when the church meeting ad-journed, and concealed themselves in the smoke and cotton houses. Very soon after this the posse of white men came up the road and halted in front of Manry's house. Four of them walked up to the house, but found it deserted. They then went to the smoke house, where they found three acgross. These men were asked where Maury was, but they feigned ignorance. While the whites were trying to gain some information from them a man on the outside shouted: "Here is Maury. Suppose you come and arrest him."

The whites rushed in a body from the building, and as they emerged were met with a volley from eight or ten muskets and shotguns. William Vaughan was seriously wounded by buckshot in the left arm, neck and shoulders, and another man, whose name the whites will not reveal, received a slight wound in the hand. This volley came from the cotton house and was promptly returned by the whites, but the negroes, being behind stout plank walls, received no injury. The whites soon discovered that they were fighting at a great disadvantage and moved around to the north side of the structure. They they received another volley, resulting in the instant death of Henry Maury and the wounding of his brother, J. F. Maury, in the arm near the elbow. The whites

Notwithstanding their losses, however, the possedetermined to make another attack on the cotton house. approaching it this time from the south side. came up to the building they received the third volley, the negroes apparently awaiting the order to fire, as they had done in the two previous instances, third voiley Seth Cobb received twenty-two b in the breast and stomach, tearing the entire front part of his body away. John Dow, another of the ball in the groin. The whites again drew off for conthe building with their reduced force would be useless, and they determined to wait for daylight and

While they were consulting the negroes rushed from proceeded to fortify that building, and the whites went back to Wahalak. Yesterday morning another force of fifty men was raised and proceeded to Maury's place. It was found to be entirely deserted, even the whites burned the building and scoured the woods for the negroes, but could find no trace of them.

White people from the adjoining towns poured into Wahalak all day and joined in the search, but as none of the negroes except Maury were known, nothing was accomplished. One negro was seen of whites, but he instantly disappeared. When the posse from Meridian, under command of Captain Thomas Jamison, reached Wahalak they were told that their services were not required. much incensed and think that more trouble will oc cur. It is certain that if any of the negroes who fired on the whites are caught they will be killed at once. The feeling, however, runs more against the

injury. Two white men besides those already re-ported were wounded, but as their hurts are elight their names are not given. It does not appear that acting under any legal authority, but they are sustained by the entire white population of Kemper and the adjoining counties, and it is unlikely that any proceedings will be taken against them.

RACE COLLISIONS IN OTHER STATES. DESPERATE FIGHT BETWEEN NEGROES AND WHITES IN TENNESSEE-TROUBLE IN

St. Louis, Dec. 18 .- A dispatch from Jackson, Tenn., to "The Post-Dispaich" says: "A desperate fight be-tween negroes and whites took place in one of the districts of Madison County last Friday. 'Will' Hicks, a negro, sued Peter Brown, a white man, for a settlement. While Mary Brown, daughter of the defendant, was on the witness stand, Hicks questioned her in an insulting manner; and when her brother 'Tom' inter posed and asked Hicks not to insult his sister, the negro swore he would say what he pleased, and knocked young Brown down with a heavy stick. A were stabbed, and blood flowed freely. Peter Brown was knocked senseless with a brick, and is probably fatally wounded. The negroes sent to the city on sunday for ammunition. They are armed with shot-guns, pistols and knives, and swear that they will not be arrested. Officers went from here yesterday to arrest them. The result is not yet known, but serious trouble is feared." Charleston, S. C., Dec. 18 .- At Blackville yester

day I. Dewitt (white) shot Tyler (colored), who had armed himself with a double-barrelled shotgun to kill Dewitt. Tyler had been suspected of hilling a mule of Dewitt's, in revenge for Dewitt having assisted a colored man with whom Tyler had a law uit. Tyler announced his intention to shoot Dewit on sight. announced his intention to shoot Dewit on sight. The shooting took place in a street of the town. There is some excitement in the same county on account of the disappoarance of Robert M ris (white), He is supposed to have been murdered by a band of negroes, who had made threats against his brother. This brother and another has gone off for assistance, and on their return they found Robert's coar with a hole in it, and his gun, but no trace of dobest.

A negro named Worthy, who was sho, in Newberry County last Saturday by J. W. Simmon's, white, died to day. Worthy was administering a conjugal cast gation to his wife, who is Simmon's cook. Simmon's referred inm off, and Worthy went, but returning shortly afterward, he was filled with pis of balls by Simmons.

Jonesboio, Ga., Dec. 18 (Special).—Last n ght Jeff Lee, a constable, went out to arrest Home, Griffin at a negro, who had stolen a horse. Griffin attacked the constable with a buge stick and was shot dead by the latter.